Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council assembled under the provisions of Regulation II of 1063.

The council met in the Dewan's room, New Public offices, at 3 P. M. on Tuesday the 15th April 1890.

PRESENT.

The Dewan.....Presiding.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

Mr. F. Watts.
M. R. Ry. C. Patcheappa Naicker Avergal,
M. R. Ry. T. Raja Ram Row Avergal,
M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillai Avergal.

NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

M. R. Ry. T. Vedadrisadasa Mudaliar Avergal,
M. R. Ry. P. S. Siven Pillai Avergal,
M. R. Ry. K. Neelacunda Pillai Avergal.

M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillai Avergal introduced the Bill to amend the Tobacco Regulation VIII of 1063.

Resolved that the Bill be considered at the next meeting, after publication in three successive issues of the Government Gazette.

M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillai Avergal next moved the introduction of the Bill to amend the Civil Court's Regulation I of 1057 by increasing the Small cause powers of Munsiffs from 20 to 30 Rs. and of the Zillah Judges from 50 to 100 Rs. He said that these Courts have improved so much of late years, that it was time to consider whether they may not be invested with a larger summary jurisdiction in respect of suits of small value relating to personal property so that being relieved to some extent in this direction, they may have more time at their disposal to consider and adjudicate on the more important cases. Some of the members were of opinion that it would work a hardship to the poorer classes to deprive them of the right of appeal in suits which to them are of considerable value, while the relief granted to the courts would not be to any very appreciable extent. Others thought that the consideration of the Bill ought to be deferred till statistics and further information could be obtained, which would throw more light on the subject. At this stage, the President under the Powers vested in him by the Rules passed under section 7 of Regulation II of 1063, adjourned this part of the business of the meeting, till further information is obtained.

M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillai Avergal next introduced the Jenmi and Tenant Bill explaining in brief the Objects and Reasons of the proposed legislation.

Resolved that the Bill be published in the Gazette and be referred for report to a select committee composed of

M. R. Ry. S. Shungara Soobier Avergal,
M. R. Ry. T. Raja Ram Row Avergal,
M. R. Ry. T. Vedadrisadasa Mudaliar Avergal,
M. R. Ry. Neelacunda Pillai Avergal and
the mover.

Mr. Watts next introduced a Bill to amend Regulation III of 1061 in regard to the import of arms and ammunition.

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Resolved that the Bill be published in the Gazette and considered at the next meeting.

M. R. Ry. Raja Ram Row Avergal asked for permission to introduce a Bill to define the law of Evidence on the lines of the British enactment.

Permission granted.

M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillai Avergal applied for permission to introduce a Bill to regulate the grant of loans of money to private individuals for agricultural improvements.

Permission granted.

M. R. Ry. Raja Ram Row Avergal asked for permission to introduce a Bill regarding the grant of waste lands.

Permission granted.

M. R. Ry. Raja Ram Row Avergal asked for permission to introduce a Bill to amend the Forest Regulation IV of 1063.

Permission granted.

Mr. Watts applied for permission to introduce a Bill to amend Regulation I of 1039 for the protection of the Electric Telegraph.

Permission granted.

T. RAMA ROW,
President.

21st April 1890.

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